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## **Media Release**

### **Passenger Killed in Single-Vehicle Rollover Crash on Interstate 80 near Lovelock**

On Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at approximately 1:45 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single-vehicle rollover crash on Interstate 80 near mile marker 90, approximately 15 miles west of Lovelock, in Churchill County.

A 73-year-old resident of Sacramento, California, was driving his green 2005 Honda civic 4-door sedan eastbound on the freeway when his vehicle veered toward the center median. He steered the vehicle toward the right and re-entered his original travel lane before the vehicle veered to the left one more time where it struck a small metal mile marker post. He over-corrected the vehicle's steering to the right when the Honda rotated and skidded in a clockwise direction and traveled across both eastbound travel lanes. As the vehicle departed the south or right edge of the highway, it rolled over several times before coming to rest on its roof.

The 66-year-old passenger and wife of the driver sustained fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Her husband sustained serious injuries and was unconscious before being airlifted from the crash site by Care Flight and flown to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. Both lanes of eastbound Interstate 80 were temporarily closed for approximately 25 minutes to stage the helicopter and load the patient. As of 8:30 am this morning, he is listed in critical condition with life-threatening injuries and does not know that his wife has died. Once we are confident that next of kin have been notified about this tragedy, we will release both names.

Trooper Kris Satterwhite of the NHP-Major Accident Investigation Team or M.A.I.T. is investigating this crash. Witnesses to the event are encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4682, or by e-mail at [ksatterwhite@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:ksatterwhite@dps.state.nv.us), regarding case number NHP-120425527.

A photo of the crash scene is below.



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